

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

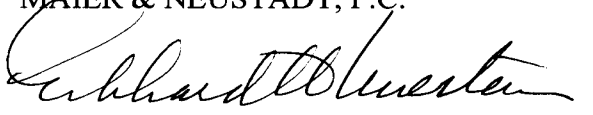
Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-15, 27, and 29-42, which are all of the claims rejected by the Examiner, have been canceled. The Examiner's indication of Claims 1-10, 16-26, 35-38, and 43-46 (Official Action, page 6) being allowed, is appreciated. In addition, although the Official Action does not list Claims 28-34 as being allowed, Applicants note these claims have not been rejected by the Examiner.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that all of the remaining claims, e.g., Claims 1-10, 16-26, 28-38 and 43-46 are in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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